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Keynote Speakers:



Ted Bunch

Educator, Activist and Lecturer

TED BUNCH is a Co-Founder of **A CALL TO MEN:** The National Association of Men and Women Committed to Ending Violence Against Women. Ted is recognized both nationally and internationally for his expertise in organizing and educating men in the effort to end violence against women. He is dedicated to strengthening community accountability to end all forms of violence against women.

Ted is formerly the Senior Director and Co-creator of the largest program for domestic violence offenders in America. Ted has worked with Police and Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics and other first responders to domestic violence. Ted has served as a consultant to The White House Commission on Violence Against Women and Girls, the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. He is a recognized trainer, lecturer and consultant on male accountability. A committed ally for more than a dozen years, Ted has gained leadership status in the domestic violence, rape and sexual assault prevention communities across the country.

Ted is an Advisory Board Member to the New York State Integrated Domestic Violence Court. Ted brings a great enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge to his work. He has trained at many colleges and universities throughout the United States as well as the National Football League. In addition, he has had guest appearances on numerous television and radio programs and has been a script consultant for *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*. He has traveled abroad speaking in places like Israel, Suriname, South Africa, Ghana, Brazil and Puerto Rico as well as being an invited guest presenter for the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women and the UN Alliance of Civilizations. Ted is an international lecturer for the U.S. State Department and was appointed by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as a Committee Member to UNiTE, an international network of male leaders working to end violence against women.



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MARY ELLEN O'TOOLE, Ph.D.

FBI Profiler, Educator, Retired Law Enforcement

MARY ELLEN O'TOOLE, Ph.D. has spent her career studying the criminal mind. One of the most senior profilers for the FBI until her retirement in 2009, Dr. O'Toole has helped capture, interview and understand some of the world's most infamous people including;

- Derrick Todd Lee and Sean Vincent Gillis, both serial killers in Baton Rouge
- Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber
- The Polly Klaas child abduction
- David Parker Ray, a serial sexual sadist
- The Zodiac serial murder case

Dr. O'Toole also worked the Elizabeth Smart and Natalee Holloway disappearances, the Columbine shootings and many other high profile cases. Her law enforcement career spanned 32 years, beginning in the San Francisco's District Attorney's Office when she was a Criminal Investigator. Dr. O'Toole worked as an FBI agent for 28 years, spending more than half of her Bureau career in the organization's prestigious Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU)—the very unit that is the focus of the hit crime series "Criminal Minds."

Dr. O'Toole is recognized as the FBI's leading expert in the area of "psychopathy." Her work in psychopathy has put her on the forefront of mental health and law enforcement efforts to apply the concepts of this personality disorder to both violent and white collar offenders and their behavior and crime scenes. She lectures internationally on the application of the theory of psychopathy to real life situations. She continues to lecture at the FBI Academy on psychopathy and interviewing. She has served as adjunct faculty to the FBI's Prestigious Leadership Development Institute (LDI) at the FBI Academy and also frequently lectures at the Smithsonian Institution about everything from Sherlock Holmes to personal safety. She is a Fellow with the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.



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Johanna Becho

Johanna Becho is a bilingual research associate in the Department of Family & Community Medicine at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio and a Family Therapy graduate student at Our Lady of the Lake University. Ms. Becho has distinguished herself in the caring and ethical recruitment of subjects and collection of data for several investigations, including studies concerning mental health care in primary care settings since 2006. She is familiar with the emotional requirements of conducting violence research and skilled in sensitive collection of information from emotionally-burdened patients.

Betty Beck

Betty Beck, LCSW is a Clinical Social Worker and the Social Work Service and Palliative Care Student Education Program Coordinator, Clinical Supervisor and Faculty/Educator in the South Texas Veterans Health Care System. She earned her MSW from Our Lady of the Lake University—Worden School of Social Services in 1996, received a Certificate in Violence Intervention and Prevention from OLLU in 1994, is a Certified Field Instructor from the University of Texas at Austin, and completed a certificate program at Smith College School of Social Work, Northampton, MA, in Advanced Clinical Social Work Supervision. She is a Texas State Board Approved Clinical Supervisor. She volunteered for almost 20 years with the Family Assistance Crisis Team through the San Antonio Police Department providing crisis intervention to victims of domestic violence and more recently homicide and suicide victims. She is a member in good standing with the Texas Society for Clinical Social Work and has held multiple Board positions since 1995. In addition, she maintains a part-time private practice providing clinical supervision, consultation and psychotherapy with individuals, groups, couples and families.

Brent Bell

Sgt. Brent Bell has been with the San Antonio Police Department for eighteen years. He served 10 years in the Patrol Division as an officer, 3 years as a detective in the Homicide Division, and the last five years as a sergeant in the Patrol Division, Office of the Chief and is has been assigned to the Special Victims Unit for the last two years.

Hema Bhakta

Hema Bhakta is a Founding Director of Awaaz San Antonio; one of her roles as a director is to emphasize the clinical client service aspect of the organization. She has over 10 years of clinical experience, including internship with SAPD Volunteers In Policing services, and volunteering with the Rape Crisis Center and Family Violence Prevention Service's Battered Women and Children's Shelter. She also has clinical experience working with inpatient and outpatient case management services, most recently with the Military population. Through all of this work, she realized that the common thread of domestic violence was always there. She met with two other women in San Antonio and formed Awaaz to target awareness and education of family violence in the South Asian Community, provide confidential peer support to victims of violence, and assist as a liaison to local agencies. Awaaz is run totally by volunteers who have made many presentations in groups and agencies in San Antonio as well as South Asian cultural events.

Shelley Botello

Ms. Botello is a Registered Nurse with 18 years of emergency medicine experience. She earned her Bachelor of Science Nursing degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. Ms. Botello began her nursing career in a level-one trauma unit, working there for six years. She then moved into the position as Forensic Nurse Examiner. She has been the Program Coordinator for the Sexual Assault Response Team at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital since 2000. The program at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital examines over 750 cases a year. She has overseen 10,000 examinations as Program Coordinator. She has conducted medical forensic examinations on over 1000 patients. She has been conducting interactive training of issues relating to sexual assaults to an audience of medical professionals, educators, counselors, law enforcement, advocates, and community locally, statewide, nationally and internationally since 2000.



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J. E. Briggs, Jr.

John Briggs is currently completing his Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling at Texas A&M San Antonio. While completing his undergraduate degree at Our Lady of the Lake University, he was chosen as a McNair Scholar due to his research on studying the stressors on professional counselors. In 2011 he completed a practicum at the Veteran's Treatment Court, Bexar County Court-at-Law #6 in San Antonio. His service in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1990-1997, resulted in a commitment to assisting veteran's in as many ways as possible. As a male survivor of domestic violence, he brings awareness to the fact that domestic violence can happen to anyone.

David Brinkman

Detective David Brinkman has been a San Antonio Police Officer for over 17 years. He has been a detective for 4 years and is currently assigned to the White Collar Crime Unit. Detective Brinkman has been designated to investigate financial crimes against the elderly for the past two years. Detective Brinkman holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and has eight years experience in the mental health field, with many clients being representative of the elder population.

Sandra Burge

Sandra Burge is a family social scientist and professor with tenure in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She conducts primary care research and teaches behavioral science and research methods to family medicine residents and medical students. She is the founder and Director of a research network of 10 family medicine residency programs (Residency Research Network of Texas) and the Director of our university's Practice-Based Research Network Resource Center, an element of the Community Engagement key function for our Center for Translational Science Award.

Deborah Callaghan-Shea

Deborah Callaghan-Shea is in her ninth year as a board member at the Rape Crisis Center of San Antonio where she acts as secretary and is part of the speaker's panel for the RCC. In a previous life before children, Ms. Callaghan-Shea taught several years as a high school teacher in both North Carolina and in Texas with the Northside Independent School District. She received her BA degree from the University of Dayton and completed her MA degree at the University of Texas At San Antonio. Currently, she stays at home with her four children, ages 2, 4, 6, and 9, while honing her skills as a grant writer.

Betty Cardona

Officer Betty Cardona graduated from San Antonio College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Upon graduating in 1979, she worked at Downtown Baptist Hospital as a medical Surgical Nurse for 7 years. In 1985, she began her career with the San Antonio Police Department, serving the public in this capacity for the last 28 years. As a San Antonio Police Officer she has worked within various positions of Patrol and Community Policing Programs. In 1995, she was awarded THE HISPANIC WOMEN'S NETWORK OF TEXAS AWARD. In 1997, Officer Cardona was assigned to the Crisis Response Team at Central Substation. Officer Cardona also served in the United States Navy Reserve for 6 years. She and her husband Roger have been married 27 years; they have 3 adult married children and 8 grandchildren. She enjoys serving her family and her Church Faith Community during her time off.

Andrew Carian

Captain Andrew Carian is a 24 year veteran of the San Antonio Police Department, with 17 years of experience as an investigator in the Homicide Unit and as a supervisor for the Family Violence detail, supervisor in the Internal Affairs Unit, and as the commander of the Special Victims Unit. He is currently the Director of the Major Crimes Unit. His experience includes investigations from capital felonies to misdemeanor offenses, police misconduct and corruption, and cases involving sexual assault and family violence. Capt. Carian received a Masters Degree from Fort Hays State University and has presented law enforcement related training for over 16 years.



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Meli Carrion

Meli Carrion has been with the Bexar County District Attorney's Office for 12 years. She is currently assigned to the Family Justice and Victim Protection Unit where she prosecutes crimes ranging from murders, domestic violence, child physical/sexual abuse, and violent crimes involving family members. Ms. Carrion completed her academic training at The University of Texas at Austin, earning a bachelor's degree in Government in 1998. She earned her law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas in 2001. She is licensed by the State Bar of Texas and is a member of the Texas District and County Attorney's Association and the National District Attorney's Association. Since 2009, she has been a regular instructor at the San Antonio Police Academy providing training to newly promoted detectives on the topics of trial techniques and case preparation.

Patricia S. Castillo

Patricia S. Castillo has worked more than two decades to end violence against women and children. In addition to serving on Alianza's Board of Directors, she is the Executive Director of the P.E.A.C.E. (Putting an End to Abuse through Community Efforts) Initiative, a coalition of 50 agencies, organizations and individuals. From 1990 to 2002, she was the Projects Coordinator for the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative when it was based at the Benedictine Resource Center in San Antonio, Texas. In this position she developed domestic violence community projects and public policy through collaboration and community organization. As the Executive Director of the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative, she continues to do this work as well as serve as an advocate, educator and technical assistance resource to many sectors of the community, including civic, legal, medical, religious, educational, human resource and media groups. Nationally, she has trained and educated at numerous domestic violence conferences in the past 13 years. Internationally, she has trained in Honduras, Brazil, China, Russia, Guatemala, and Mexico. In Mexico, she has worked with the National Network of Shelters, Alternativas Pacificas, a battered women's shelter in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, and provided trainings in Mexico City, Cancun, and Monterrey.

Laurie Charles

Ms. Charles has been involved with nursing for the past twenty year. She is the Nurse Manager of the Forensic Nursing Program, CHRISTUS San Rosa Children's Hospital. As the Program Manager, she oversees all aspects of the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program from recruitment and selection through training and evaluation. She was a SANE trainer for the state of Texas for five years. Her passion and expertise in working with children who have been sexually abused is highly regarded; as a result, she has been invited to speak at many state and national conferences. She received her registered nursing diploma from the Royal Alexandra Hospitals School of Nursing in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She is currently an RN-MSN student at Western Governor's University. She will complete her term as the President of the Texas Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses in December 2012.

Rebecca Dreke

Rebecca Dreke is a Senior Program Associate with the Stalking Resource Center (SRC) at the National Center for Victims of Crime. Rebecca brings over 12 years of experience in victim advocacy, training and education. In her position with the Stalking Resource Center, Rebecca is responsible for training law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers and other professionals on all aspects of stalking, including the use of technology to stalk, campus stalking and stalking and sexual assault. Rebecca has trained thousands of practitioners nationally on various topics, including stalking, sexual assault, domestic violence, and hate and bias-motivated violence. Prior to joining the National Center, Rebecca worked as a social worker, victim advocate and public school teacher. Rebecca holds a Master of Science of Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.



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Stephanie Escamilla

Stephanie Escamilla, originally from Uvalde, Texas, has resided in San Antonio, Texas since 2010. In 2012, Stephanie began her journey with the NAMI organization and became a NAMI of San Antonio board member, NAMI Basics instructor, Crisis Intervention Family Perspective Presenter and a Mental Health Advocate. Mother to an adolescent with a mental illness, this fueled the fire in her pursuit to help families in need of help and guidance. Recently, their story was published on CNN.com and featured on the Dr. Sanjay Gupta M.D. show; to give viewers an idea of what it's like to live with a loved one struggling with a mental illness and bring light to a worldwide issue that many fear to speak of due to the stigma that follows.

Rudy Gomez

Detective Rudy Gomez is currently assigned to the Special Victims Unit of the San Antonio Police Department and further assigned to the Sex Offender Registration Detail where he has now served for over 15 years. During this time he has investigated hundreds of felony cases involving sexual crimes, family violence and sex offender registration violations. Prior to this assignment he spent 12 years patrolling the Westside of San Antonio, culminating a 27 year career thus far. Det. Gomez is a certified TCOLE Instructor.

Jose Juan (JJ) Lara

Jose Juan Lara, Jr. is the Director of Advocacy and Training for the Texas Advocacy Project. He has been involved in the movement against gender violence since 1999 in Texas and has facilitated workshops at national, state, and local conferences on crisis intervention, systems advocacy for victims of family and sexual violence, and LGBTQ victims of interpersonal violence. Prior to coming to the Texas Advocacy Project, Mr. Lara was the Legal Advocate Program Coordinator for Friendship of Women, Inc. in Brownsville, Case Manager Supervisor/Volunteer Coordinator for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cameron and Willacy Counties, and Director of Legal Services for the Family Crisis Center, Inc. in Harlingen. Mr. Lara serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Victim Services Association and is a consultant for Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center. Mr. Lara holds Master degrees in Sociology and Public Safety with specialization in Criminal Justice.

Yvonne Lozano

Dr. Lozano has over 18 years of experience in the field of Gerontology, with a focus on Geriatric Mental Health. Dr. Lozano is currently the Chair and Assistant Professor of the Gerontology program at Ashford University. In addition, she is a member of the Gerontology Society of America, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist, National Association of Social Workers and Sigma Phi Omega. Dr. Lozano has served on the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer's Association, Bexar Area Agency on Aging, Christian Senior Services, and currently is a member of the Task Force against Elder Domestic Violence. Dr. Lozano's research interest include; Caregiver stress, Latino/a caregiver issues and Domestic Violence in Older Adults.

Kirsta Melton

Kirsta Leebug Melton is an assistant district attorney assigned to the Family Justice and Victim Protection Unit of the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. Melton graduated cum laude from Cornell University in 1993. She then went on to obtain her law degree with honors and her Master's in Public Affairs from the University of Texas School of Law and the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs in 1998. In between she worked for two years in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. After law school, Melton worked for Morgan Lewis and Bockius in Washington, D.C. before joining the Bexar County District Attorney's Office in January of 2000. For the past twelve years she has prosecuted in the Family Justice Unit combating the physical and sexual abuse of children, human trafficking, sex crimes against adults, and family violence ranging from felony assault to capital murder.



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Roxanne Mendez

Roxanne Mendez graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelor Degree in Social Work. Upon graduating in 2002, she returned to San Antonio and has worked in the Social Service field serving her community. In 2005, she began her career with the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), Crisis Response Team as a Community Services Specialist. She works at the SAPD central substation serving victims of family violence. She also provides presentations to the community on the topic of family violence focusing on intervention, prevention and overall awareness on family violence.

Tapasi Misra

Tapasi Misra is a Founding Director of Awaaz San Antonio, She has worked in the area of domestic violence for the past 15 years helping victims of Domestic Violence in the San Antonio Indian Community, primarily with the help of Saheli in Austin. She has participated in designing women's conferences to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence. She has made major cultural presentations in schools and universities in San Antonio and surrounding areas, including the Institute of Texan Cultures, Hindu Temple of San Antonio, churches, the Catholic Archdiocese of SA. In the past she has been associated with the India Association of San Antonio as their Executive Committee and Board member as well as their editor. She founded organizations such as Swagat, a group focused on helping new immigrants assimilate in American society and Sur Sangam focusing on bridging cultural gaps through music. At Awaaz, she does outreach events/strategies and works with clients intermittently. Three to four months every year she travels to India to work on her father's memorial foundation's legal literacy program. With help from the State Legal Aid Authority, lawyers and Chief Justice, members teach people in remote villages and slum areas about their legal rights.

Terry Moten

Detective Terry Moten has been employed with the San Antonio Police Department for 24 years and is currently assigned to the Sex Offender Detail of the Special Victims Unit. During this time he has investigated hundreds of felony cases involving sexual crimes and sex offender registration violations. Prior to this assignment he spent 9 years patrolling the Eastside of San Antonio.

Dennis Parker

Dennis Parker brings a unique perspective to the understanding of investigative interviewing because of his diverse experience in law enforcement and insurance fraud investigation. Dennis has more than 18 years of law enforcement experience from the municipal to the federal level. Dennis also has more than 10 years experience investigating and managing insurance fraud programs and has been a conference speaker at the annual Texas Adult Protective Services conference in San Antonio Texas for the past two years. He graduated from several law enforcement training academies and other training courses designed specifically for police or investigative interviewing. Dennis holds a B.S. in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville Texas. He is currently working in the insurance industry as an internal fraud analyst.

Frances Rendon

Frances Rendon has worked with the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Adult Probation) for 26 ½ years. During this time, she has served as a Supervision Officer, Manager of Supervision Officers, Training Manager/Director. She is State Certified as a New Community Supervision Officer Trainer, and Residential Staff Trainer. Through her years of experience, Frances has continued to treat all those she supervises with respect and humor. She has a thorough grasp of the purpose of community supervision and corrections and works to instill those objectives into all who work with the Department.



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Jennifer Schuett

Jennifer Schuett in 1990 at the age of eight was abducted from her bedroom window, brutally raped, and left to die in a vacant field with her throat slashed and unable to talk. Jennifer was found alive more than twelve hours later. In 2008, a local detective teamed up with a longtime friend and FBI agent, and together they sought justice for Jennifer. Jennifer herself will share a survivor's view of the frustrations and triumphs of working closely with law enforcement on her journey to victory.

Pamela Taylor

Pamela Taylor is known and highly regarded as the CEO of Dress For Success San Antonio whose goal is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive. Dress for Success San Antonio addresses the needs of low-income women by promoting economic security and self-sufficiency to break the chains of generational poverty and eliminate the need for public assistance. Over 70% of their clients are survivors of domestic violence. Pamela herself is a survivor of domestic violence and uses her very difficult journey out of violence with two children to help others believe they don't deserve or need to take the abuse and that there are people who want to help. Pamela recently completed her Bachelor's Degree to serve as a role model for women of any age that you are never too old to accomplish your dreams. Pamela will complete her Masters in Nonprofit Leadership & Management in December 2014.

Pooja Tripathi

Pooja Tripathi who is a Senior Analyst at Bexar County's Economic Development Department began volunteering with Awaaz in 2011, helping mostly with social media and staffing education booths. Awaaz is an all volunteer organization whose members provide education on cultural barriers faced by South Asians in seeking help for domestic violence. Shortly after joining Awaaz and volunteering for many events, she was voted onto the Board of Directors and began serving as the treasurer. She focuses on maintaining the books and adding social media content. She has volunteered at Family Violence Prevention Services and presented information with Awaaz members at various agencies, universities, local temples, culture-specific events, and Awaaz conferences.

Lyndel Williams

Lyndel Williams has served as the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault's (TAASA) Training Director since 2001. He manages TAASA's training function including the scheduling of all trainings, researching, and writing curriculum. He has spent over 16 years working in the criminal justice systems of both Texas and Louisiana. For the past 11 years, as a trainer for TAASA, he has taught topics including sexual harassment, assault and rape risk reduction, sexual predators, acquaintance rape, drug-facilitated sexual assault, and psychopaths. Lyndel is certified in basic crisis intervention and has completed the National College of District Attorney's Prosecution of Sexual Assault course. He is a member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association and a certified TCLEOSE instructor. He is also a consultant for the Office of Victims of Crime, Training and Technical Assistance Center. In 2006, he was appointed by Governor Perry to the Governor's Justice Advisory Council.

Det. Bruce Wilson

Detective Bruce Wilson is currently assigned to the Special Victims Unit and has been lead detective in well over 1000 felony sex cases. Prior to this assignment, he enjoyed over 20 years of street officer work. Detective Wilson is a member of the Special Victims Team which responds to and investigates high profile cases of sexual crimes, family violence and kidnapping. Det. Wilson is the lead instructor for the SAPD New Detectives School, speaks to various groups, and has taught at various regional conferences. Detective Wilson has training in Interview and Interrogation, Criminal Profiling, Interviewing Sexual Deviants, Advanced Child Abuse Investigation, Digital and Technical Investigation, and a host of other law enforcement training. Det. Wilson is a certified TCLEOSE Instructor.



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Clarissa Zamora

Clarissa Zamora is currently employed at ChildSafe where she is the Director of Education & Outreach. She has spent the past 14 years working with abused and neglected children. In addition to case management and education/outreach work with ChildSafe, Clarissa was also a conservatorship worker for Child Protective Services (CPS) and training coordinator at Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA). In addition to extensive professional experience, Clarissa was a foster parent with A World for Children from 2004-2006 when she adopted two siblings, Marcus and Bella, who had been in the foster-care system. Clarissa's family is a great example of the best outcomes for children.